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**To:**  
Instructional Quality Commission  
c/o Thomas Adams, Executive Director  
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**Re: Edits Submission for History-Social Science Framework Field Review Draft of 2014**

Please find attached the edits submission for History-Social Science Framework Field Review Draft of 2014 of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies Institute for Curriculum Advancement, of which I am the Director. This material has been initially prepared by Acharya Arumuganathaswami, Managing Editor of Hinduism Today magazine, and he and I together have worked together on the final text. He and I had also collaborated earlier on *The History of Hindu India* book intended for middle and high schools, as well as a documentary on the first chapter intended for the 6th grade coverage of India. Also, we have produced together an academic paper, "Teaching of Hinduism in the California State School System: Evaluation and Recommendations" which has been submitted to *The History Teacher*, a peer-reviewed journal published out of California State University, Long Beach. The book and paper was sent by Fedex and already been received by your office. The paper is to be considered part of our submission to the Instructional Quality Commission, as it provides documentation for many of our edits.

As you will recall, I was hired by your department as a Content Review Specialist for the 2005-2006 textbook review process. Ever since, I have remained engaged in the process of improving the teaching of Hinduism and Indian history in California's schools. I truly hope that these proposed edits to the sections on ancient India in the History-Social Science Framework Field Review Draft will prove to be acceptable revisions and additions to that document.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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